In the interests of furthering their business interests, yet without acquiescing to the Examiner's arguments, Applicants elect Group I, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the cancelled Claims in subsequent application(s). Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Response, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (415) 705-8410.

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